	Maruti Gypsy MG 410	Samurai SJ 413
Tread rear (mm)	1220	1310
Ground clearance (mm)	220	205
Curb weight (kg)	915	930
Gross vehicle weight (kg)	1415	1330
Engine capacity (cc)	970	1324
Power	45 Bhp at 5500 rpm	63 Bhp at 6000 rpm
Max. speed (km/hr)	105	130
Minimum turning radius (m)	5.7	5.1

Unfair trade practices by the Pesticides manufacturers

29. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pesticides Formulations Association of India has brought to Government's notice the unwarranted price hikes and unfair trade practices followed by basic manufacturers who are following monopolistic practices as reported in the Economic Times of the 1st April, 1989 and if so, what corrective steps are contemplated in this regard; and

(b) whether such unfair trade practices will be referred for action to MRTPC or National Consumer Protection Commission for *Suo moto* action?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The issues raised by the Pesticides Formulators Association were discussed in a meeting with the basic manufacturers, formulators and representatives of the concerned Associations. The issues were sorted out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

(b) Reference to MRTPC or National Consumer Protection Commission was not considered necessary.

Change in pesticides policy

30. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that new pesticides units are being encouraged and coming up despite Agriculture Ministry's clear policy to switch over gradually to Integrated Pest Management. Biological control and use of indigenous pesticides from plants and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government will reconsider and reformulate their plans and strategies which are geared towards increased production of these highly poisonous chemicals which are a threat to human health?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The policy of Integrated Pest Management, biological control and use of indigenous pesticides from plants will help eliminate the over dependence on pesticides. However, as per views of Ministry of Agriculture, the use of pesticides cannot be dispensed with altogether and their production will have to be continued.

The use of pesticides is regulated by Ministry of Agriculture through the Central Insecticides Board. Production can be done only for those pesticides approved by the Registration Committee of this Board, after due consideration.

Postal staff quarters in Andhra Pradesh

31. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Andhra Pradesh where staff quarters for postal department are proposed to be constructed during 1989-90;

(b) whether such quarters will be constructed in Nalgonda District (A.P.) ;

(c) if so, whether land for their construction has been acquired in Nalgonda district (A.P.) ;

(d) if so, the locations thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Staff quarters are proposed to be constructed during 1989-90 in Nellore, Khammam, Guntur, East Godavari, West Godavari, Vishakhapatnam, Kurnool and Medak Districts.

(b) to (e) No, Sir. In Nalgonda District no site is at present available for construction of staff quarters. Sites are under acquisition. Staff quarters will be planned after the sites are available.

Production of push button telephones by I.T.I.

32. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) has commenced commercial production of electronic push button telephones; and

(b) what is the production capacity of I.T.I in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The licenced capacity is 10·5 lakhs per annum. Production capacity is being set up progressively from 1989-90 onwards.

Hike in the MES of Petro-chemical Industries

33. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rationale behind the recent hike in the MES (minimum economic size) of the Petrochemical Industry; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent monopolies from dominating the industry as a result of the increased MES?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No change in minimum economic sizes for petro-chemical industries has been made recently.

Power from gas based NTPC Units

34. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some northern state electricity boards are